AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1: (Previously Presented) A method for accessing a device comprising:

providing a controller having a bio-metric input component;

providing access to the functionality of one or more devices by use of said controller, said access being dependent upon bio-metric input of a first user entered into said bio-metric input component; and

providing access to the functionality of one or more devices by use of the controller, said access being dependent upon bio-metric input of a second user entered into said bio-metric input component, said bio-metric input of the second user being entered after said bio-metric input of the first user,

wherein said controller is programmed to present the second user upon log-on thereto, a state substantially similar to or the same as a previous state that was in effect at the end of a previous use of the controller by the second user.

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83. (Previously Presented) A method for accessing a device comprising: providing a controller having a bio-metric input component; providing access to the functionality of one or more devices by use of said controller, said access being dependent upon bio-metric input of a first user entered into said bio-metric input component; and providing access to the functionality of one or more devices by use of the controller, said access being dependent upon bio-metric input of a second user entered into said bio-metric input component, said bio-metric input of the second user being entered after said bio-metric input of the first user, wherein said controller is programmed to present the second user upon log-on thereto, a state substantially similar to or the same as a previous state that was in effect at the end of a previous use of the controller by the second user and

84. (Previously Presented) A method for accessing a device comprising: providing a controller having a bio-metric input component; providing access to the functionality of one or more devices by use of said controller, said access being dependent upon bio-metric input of a first user entered into said bio-metric input component; and

wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are voice inputs.

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providing access to the functionality of one or more devices by use of the controller, said access being dependent upon bio-metric input of a second user entered into said bio-metric input component, said bio-metric input of the second user being entered after said bio-metric input of the first user,

wherein said controller is programmed to present the second user upon log-on thereto, a state substantially similar to or the same as a previous state that was in effect at the end of a previous use of the controller by the second user and wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are fingerprint inputs.

85. (Previously Presented) A method for accessing a device comprising:

providing a controller having a bio-metric input component;

providing access to the functionality of one or more devices by use of said

controller, said access being dependent upon bio-metric input of a first user

entered into said bio-metric input component; and

providing access to the functionality of one or more devices by use of the

controller, said access being dependent upon bio-metric input of a second user

entered into said bio-metric input component, said bio-metric input of the second

user being entered after said bio-metric input of the first user,

wherein said controller is programmed to present the second user upon log-on

thereto, a state substantially similar to or the same as a previous state that was in

effect at the end of a previous use of the controller by the second user and

wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are retinal scans.

86. (Previously Presented) A method for accessing a device comprising:

providing a controller having a bio-metric input component;

providing access to the functionality of one or more devices by use of said

controller, said access being dependent upon bio-metric input of a first user

entered into said bio-metric input component; and

providing access to the functionality of one or more devices by use of the

controller, said access being dependent upon bio-metric input of a second user

entered into said bio-metric input component, said bio-metric input of the second

user being entered after said bio-metric input of the first user,

wherein said controller is programmed to present the second user upon log-on

thereto, a state substantially similar to or the same as a previous state that was in

effect at the end of a previous use of the controller by the second user and

wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are signature based

inputs.

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87. (Previously Presented) A method for accessing a device comprising: providing a controller having a bio-metric input component; providing access to the functionality of one or more devices by use of said controller, said access being dependent upon bio-metric input of a first user entered into said bio-metric input component; and providing access to the functionality of one or more devices by use of the controller, said access being dependent upon bio-metric input of a second user entered into said bio-metric input component, said bio-metric input of the second user being entered after said bio-metric input of the first user,

wherein said controller is programmed to present the second user upon log-on thereto, a state substantially similar to or the same as a previous state that was in effect at the end of a previous use of the controller by the second user and wherein said bio-metric inputs of said first and second users are means for uniquely identifying a user.

88. (Previously Presented) A method for accessing a device comprising:

providing a controller having a bio-metric input component;

providing access to the functionality of one or more devices by use of said controller, said access being dependent upon bio-metric input of a first user entered into said bio-metric input component; and